



| August 2001 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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Wood Ducks, First Place  
By Zachary Barryte, age 8, Art teacher: Annemarie Rawlinson. Vista Grande School, Rancho Palos Verdes

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday                       | Wednesday | Thursday                              | Friday  | Saturday   |
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|                                   | Canada Geese<br>Second Place<br>By Leona Shurn<br>Age 10<br>Art teacher:<br>Sarah Klise<br>Chinatown YMCA<br>San Francisco |                               |           |                                       |   | 1  |
| 2<br><br>○<br>Full Moon  | 3<br>Labor Day   | 4                             | 5         | 6                                     | 7   | 8  |
| 9<br>California Statehood<br>1850  | 10<br><br>●<br>Last Quarter  | 11                            | 12        | 13<br>Delevan NWR<br>Established 1962 | 14  | 15<br>Federal Duck Stamp<br>Competition Deadline   |
| 16   | 17<br><br>●<br>New Moon  | 18<br>Rosh Hashanah<br>Begins | 19        | 20                                    | 21<br>Sacramento River NWR<br>Established 1989            | 22<br>Statewide Free Fishing<br>Day, No License<br>Required<br>(916) 653-7664<br>Sacramento NWR<br>Brushup Day<br>(530) 934-2801<br>Autumnal Equinox |
| 23/30<br>30 - Los Banos WA<br>Established 1929<br><br>30 - Kern Valley Turkey<br>Vulture Festival, (760)<br>378-3044 | 24<br><br>●<br>First Quarter   | 25                            | 26        | 27<br>Yom Kippur                      | 28<br>Kern Valley Turkey Vulture Festival, (760) 378-3044 | 29   |

In the early 1900s, wood duck populations were very low. Although market hunting is often blamed, habitat loss was likely the most important factor in their decline. In the 1930s, biologists learned that wood ducks would readily nest in man-made nest boxes and began using them to increase wood duck numbers.

Today, wood duck box programs exist all over the country. The California Wood Duck Program is one of the largest and produces over 32,000 ducklings a year. Over 900 volunteers monitor 5,400 boxes all across the state.



Gadwall, Honorable Mention  
By Marty Brett, age 16, Art teacher: Michael Nesbit Quincy Jr. / Sr. High School, Quincy